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FOR EMBASSY CAPE TOWN

E.O.11652:GDS
TAGS: PORG, RH, SF
SUBJECT: COMMITTEE ON SANCTIONS TIGHTENING (COST):
APRIL 3 MEETING

REF: STATE 298220 (1977)

1. COST QUESTIONNAIRE: COST URGED US, ITALY, IRAN AND
CANADA TO RESPOND TO QUESTIONNAIRE (RESPONSES WERE DUE
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JANUARY 15). ONCE ALL REPLIES RECEIVED, COST AGREED THAT
NEXT STEP WOULD BE COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS. IN ABSENCE
AGREEMENT BY ANY OTHER COST CAPITAL TO DO SO, COST ASKED
IF WASHINGTON COULD DO THIS TASK. US REP AGREED TO REQUEST
WASHINGTON ASSISTANCE.
ACTION REQUESTED: AGREEMENT BY DEPARTMENT OR OTHER USG
AGENCY TO PERFORM COMPARATIVE ANALYSES OF COST RESPONSES

TO DETERMINE WHERE LAWS AND PRACTICES OF COST STATES REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION OF RHODESIAN SANCTIONS AGREE AND WHERE THEY DIFFER. PURPOSE WOULD BE TO ASSIST MEMBERS TO IDENTIFY AND CLOSE LOOPHOLES IN NATIONAL LAWS AND PRACTICES. NEW YORK MISSIONS LACK TECHNICAL CAPABILITY AND MANPOWER TO DO SUCH AN ANALYSIS AND OTHER CAPABLE CAPITALS (E.G., LONDON) HAVE REFUSED.

2. DOCUMENTATION: COST AGREED THAT A CENTRAL PROBLEM IN SANCTIONS TIGHTENING WAS INADEQUACY OF AVAILABLE DOCUMENTATION TO DIFFERENTIATE RHODESIA EXPORTS FROM EXPORTS OF SIMILAR COMMODITIES FROM OTHER NATIONS, ESPECIALLY SOUTH AFRICA. COST AGREED NOT TO DUPLICATE WORK OF SANCTIONS COMMITTEE WORKING GROUP ON DOCUMENTATION BUT TO ASSIST COMMITTEE IN PROMULGATING RESULTS OF ITS WORK.

3. TECHNICAL ANALYSIS OF RHODESIAN EXPORTS:

COST AGREED THAT EVEN BEST OF WORK BY SANCTIONS COMMITTEE COULD NOT SUCCESSFULLY FOIL APPARENT SOUTH AFRICAN WILLINGNESS TO ASSIST RHODESIA THROUGH FALSE DOCUMENTATION, IN DISGUISED ORIGIN OF RHODESIAN EXPORTS. AT LEAST WITH REGARD TO CERTAIN MINERAL PRODUCTS AND TOBACCO, TECHNICAL ANALYSIS SEEMED A MUCH MORE RELIABLE MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION OF ORIGIN. US REP STATED THAT US FELT CONFIDENT IN CONFIDENTIAL

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ITS ANALYTICAL PROCEDURES FOR RAW MINERAL ORES, BUT THAT IDENTIFICATION BECAME LESS AND LESS SURE THE MORE THE ORE WAS REFINED. US WAS NOT AS CONFIDENT AS HMG, OF ITS ABILITY TO DIFFERENTIATE FERROCHROME SHIPMENTS. COST ASKED US TO DESCRIBE, IN AS MUCH DETAIL AS POSSIBLE, US CAPABILITIES AND METHODOLOGIES REGARDING TECHNICAL DIFFERENTIATION OF RHODESIAN EXPORTS, ESPECIALLY MINERAL ORES, REFINED ORES AND TOBACCO.

ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT RESPONSE TO COST REQUEST WITH AT LEAST DEGREE OF DETAIL IN PARALLEL UK RESPONSE (DATAFAXED DEPT.; ATT: ESCUDERO). THE MORE MISSION OBSERVES COST'S STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES, WE BELIEVE THAT SOME SOLID WORK BY CAPABLE MEMBERS ON TECHNICAL ANALYSIS OF RHODESIAN EXPORTS, TO BE SHARED WITHIN AND POSSIBLY MADE PUBLIC BY COST, COULD BE VERY USEFUL COST FUNCTION.

4. NEXT COST MEETING MAY 8 AT UK MISSION.

ACTION REQUESTED: SUBMISSION OF US RESPONSE TO COST QUESTIONNAIRE. LEONARD

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